

# Catamount Spirit

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## Athletic Hall of Fame Award Recipients



**Donald E. Kingery**

Donald E. Kingery attended Potomac State from 1966 to 1968. He was an avid tennis player at the College. Kingery was seated Number 1 on the singles and on the doubles team. He was chosen "Potomac Valley Tennis Coach of the Year" for 1981, 1982, and 1983.

**Leo Skidmore**

Leo Skidmore is being honored posthumously. Skidmore attended Potomac State from 1921 to 1923 and served as a pitcher on the baseball team. Skidmore played for the 1924 and 1925 Baltimore Orioles before moving on to Dallas and Indianapolis. While serving as manager of the Alleghany League Skidmore won two pennants.



**Douglas S. Tanner**

Douglas S. Tanner attended Potomac State from 1976 to 1978. He received Honorable Mention All-American in 1978 for his performance with the Catamounts baseball team. Tanner received the 1978 Adirondack Big Stick

Award with a batting average of .439 in the Mid-East District and was named All-Region that same year. He was also named Most Valuable Player in 1978 and was the recipient of the Dana G. "Horse" Lough Athletic Award.



**Rudy Telek**

Rudy Telek graduated from Potomac State in 1957. He was the only freshman in 1955-56 to letter in two sports. Telek held the position of quarterback on the football team and served as a shortstop on the baseball team. Telek was voted All-Conference

First Team Quarterback in 1956.

*\*For banquet information see back page.*



*Donald Shaffer to Address  
Graduating Class of 2006*

Alumnus Donald S. Shaffer, who has served as Chief Executive Officer for several corporations will be the commencement speaker during the 103rd Graduation Ceremonies at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. Commencement ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the Church-McKee Arts Center.

Shaffer served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Dollar General Corporation. He previously served as President and CEO and COO for Heilig Meyers Furniture Company whose headquarters are located in Richmond, VA.

Prior to that, Shaffer worked within the Sears, Roebuck and Co. organization in various capacities including: Corporate Director of Strategic Planning, National Business Manager, Executive Vice President, President, CEO and COO.

Shaffer was also responsible for orchestrating and completing the merger of Western Auto Supply Co. with Advance Auto Parts where he improved gross margins. He opened 170 new stores, converted 210 retail stores from auto repair service orientation to a parts-only format, redirected marketing and advertising to reach a new customer base and streamlined the distribution organization.

Accordingly, with Shaffer's history of developing creative strategies he is an innovative speaker interested in motivating the Potomac State graduating Class of 2006. He attended Potomac State in '63.



PSC Alumni brought out the smiles as they welcomed back students for the Fall 2005 semester with a variety of ice cream.



## REGINALD R. COOPER, MD, RECEIVES HIGHEST HONORS



The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and Zimmer, Inc. awarded Reginald R. Cooper, MD, the Fourth Annual AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics at the 118th Annual AOA Meeting in June 2005.

The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding leaders in orthopaedic surgery whose work results in sustained and substantial contributions and leadership through clinical, educational, research or other meritorious means. The \$50,000 award was presented to Cooper because of his role in enhancing and shaping the specialty.

"I would like to thank the AOA and the selection

committee for this prestigious honor. This award ranks among the top tier of all honors that I have received throughout my career," said Cooper. "To be selected by a group of peers for career lifetime achievement has great meaning. As I review the accomplishments I have made, I understand the critical role of the many truly great persons that I have had the good fortune to work with over many years."

Cooper served as Chairman of Orthopaedics at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, for 26 years until 1999. He was President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Orthopaedic Research Society, and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. He received the Kappa Delta Award for outstanding orthopaedic research.

Cooper attended Potomac State from 1948 to 1950.

### *Letter from the Alumni Association President*

Greetings to alumni and friends of Potomac State College of West Virginia University. Those who attended the Homecoming 2005 festivities enjoyed a weekend of renewing friendships and honoring outstanding graduates and contributors to the institution. In addition, Dr. Kerry Odell, Campus Provost, presented updates on campus improvements and building plans, including upgrades to the Mary F. Shipper Library and the construction of a new residence hall, which is slated to begin this spring. Alumni should be proud of Potomac State and the progress it is making to provide outstanding education and services to its students.

A special thanks goes out to many of you who financially supported the Alumni Association and through whose efforts this issue of the *Catamount Spirit* was made possible.

Homecoming 2006 will be held the weekend of October 7; mark your calendars and plan to attend the events surrounding that weekend. More information will be forthcoming in August.

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association welcome your input and suggestions and look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you the best,

*James W. Courrier*

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Alumni Association President



### *That's Hospitality!*



Alumnae Chawn Davis and Naomi Snider along with friend Conald Rogers enjoy Chicken Paillard with Grilled Vegetables prepared by student Loren Dyche. Loren is one of our students participating in the Tourism and Hospitality Degree Program.

**Through your estate plans, you can become a member of the Dr. Ernest E. and Katharine "Church" Society. For more information, contact Libby Nichols at (304) 788-6870.**

**You can make a difference!**





Coach Doug Little

## Little Honored as "Coach of the Year"

Head Coach Doug Little was selected as the "College Coach of the Year" by the Mid-Atlantic Professional Baseball Scouts Association (MAPBSA).

Little was honored during an awards ceremony held at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards in Baltimore, MD on Friday, December 2, 2005. Orioles Manager Sam Perlozzo was the main speaker for the ceremony.

According to Ty Brown, president of MAPBSA, coaches are nominated and then ballots are sent out to approximately 150 members for voting, which include primarily professional baseball scouts and executives. To win this prestigious award, Little was in competition with nominations from NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III schools and other Junior Colleges.

While consideration is given for a coach's win/loss record, the quality of a person, their character and their ethics also influence the members' choice. "I have known Doug for many years, not only is he an effective coach who has taken his team to the NJCAA Division I World Series the past two years, but he also cares about what type of men his players become," said Brown. "We have honored only two other Junior College coaches in the past 20 years and both of them won the National Junior College Championship the previous year," he added.

## Web site Sports New Look

Alumni are invited to check out the College's enhanced Web site that touts our new slogan, "**Start Smart,**" at [www.potomacstatecollege.edu](http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu).

"We're also proud of our new virtual tour," says Rene Trezise, Director of Marketing and Communications. "Through focus groups with high school students, we learned that students wanted to see more of our campus so we put it front and center on the Homepage," says Trezise. "Not only will virtual visitors see updated photographs with descriptions but they can also experience a roving 360-degree photograph of the campus quad. This new feature definitely captures the beauty of our campus."

Also new to the site is a Historic Photo of the Month under the Alumni & Friends section. This is where the College calls on the memories of its alumni to help gather information about photographs taken from the archives. Each month a different photograph is posted for alumni to provide feedback identifying individuals and telling the College what they remember about the event. "Even if you can't help us with the photograph but have an interesting story relating to the event, we're interested in learning about that too," says Trezise. Alumni can respond by e-mailing Libby Nichols at [LMNichols@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:LMNichols@mail.wvu.edu). Comments will be posted on the Web site the following month.



Do you recognize anyone in this 1972 photo of the Military Ball?







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*Join us for our first*  
**WEEKEND OF HONORS**  
**April 20-23**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Thursday, April 20	Student Support Luncheon (By invitation only)	Presbyterian Church	Noon	No Charge
	Outstanding Staff Recognition	Student Union	4:30-5:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Outstanding Professor Reception For Faculty and Staff	Candlewyck Inn	4-6 p.m.	No Charge
Friday, April 21	Donor/Student Reception	Student Union	4:30 p.m.	No Charge
	WVU Choir	Church-McKee Arts Center	7:30 p.m.	\$15-Adults \$10-Students
Saturday, April 22	PSC Baseball Game	Golden Field	1 p.m.	No Charge
	Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet <i>Reservations required-contact Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870 or 800-262-7332</i>	Lough Gymnasium	6 p.m.	\$16
Sunday, April 23	PSC Baseball Game	Golden Field	Noon	No Charge
	Scholars' Wall Recognition	Scholars' Wall	2:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Recognition Day	Lough Gymnasium	3:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Sigma Phi Omega Banquet	Lough Gymnasium	5 p.m.	\$10
	<i>Reservations required-contact Dinah Courier at 304-788-6947 or 800-262-7332</i>			

(Must RSVP all reservations by April 14, 2006)

**Help us find future CATAMOUNTS in your community!**

Potomac State College of WVU is a great way to begin a higher education endeavor. Please e-mail names and telephone numbers of potential students in your area to Beth Little, Director of Enrollment Services, at [BELittle@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:BELittle@mail.wvu.edu), or call her at 1-800-262-7332.

We will begin communicating with them about the many opportunities at Potomac State College of WVU.



**Thanks!**

We want to thank those who have made donations to the Potomac State College of West Virginia University Alumni Association. Your tax-deductible contributions have enabled us to produce this newsletter. We greatly appreciate your support and continued interest in PSC. If you would like to assist the Alumni Association, please mail your check to the PSC Alumni Office, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726